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TRANSLATION OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

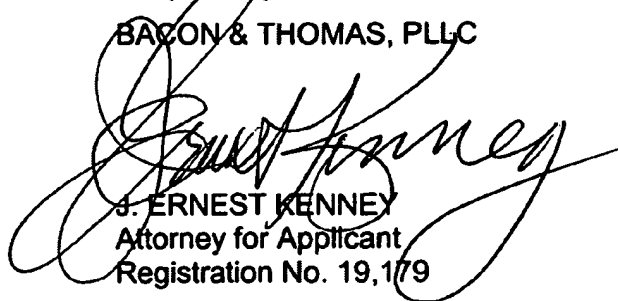
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(iv), Applicant herewith submits a certified translation of provisional application No. 60/438,781, priority of which is claimed in this application under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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DECLARATION

Ré.: Translation of Dutch text of US provisional application No. 60/438.781

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I certify that I am the translator of the documents attached and that the following is
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